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**TOWN OF VERNON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2010, MONDAY, AT 7:00 PM  
THIRD FLOOR  
VERNON TOWN HALL  
14 PARK PLACE  
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Ouellette, Ryan Goad, H. Russell Kunz

RECORDING SECRETARY: Blanche Perillo

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Thomas Ouellette.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

**A. Acceptance of Minutes of March 1, 2010 and March 15, 2010**

The March 1, 2010 minutes were accepted at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion was made by Ryan Goad to accept the minutes to the March 15, 2010 meeting.  
Motion was seconded by H. Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Communications**

Letter dated March 23, 2010 – PZC Denial of Application (PZ-2009-26) of Ticket Network Forest LLC for Special Permits/Site Plan of Development for a Commercial Recreational Facility at #60 South Frontage Road.

Letter of concerns of property owned by Capstone Builders – History of the Laurel Woods Wetlands and P&Z Applications.

Tom Ouellette will forward the letter to Scott Wieting for possible consultation with Sheryl McMullen, who was referenced in the letter.

More information is needed for discussion with the Commission.

This subject will be on the agenda for the May meeting.

Remaining Communications not related to the agenda or necessary for discussion.

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC and PZC applications

Applications for review:

**IWC-2010-03** Application of Dennis Gilha for a wetlands permit in a regulated area at #212 & #228 West Street – Garden Barn.

John Ianni, Professional Soil Scientist and Dennis Gliha owner of Garden Barn attended the meeting. John presented the Commission with a map and explained the proposed activity.

Ryan Goad will write a letter to the IWC to express the concerns of the Commission. The concerns were to ensure maintenance of erosion controls and potential chemical uses.

**IWC-2010-02** Application of 1085 Hartford Turnpike, LLC for a wetlands permit in a regulated area to construct a 32 unit multi-family complex at 1085 Hartford Turnpike.

Tom Ouellette will write a letter to the IWC to express the concerns of the Commission.

The concerns were:

- Clarification of the design of the detention basin
- Do the parking lot catch basins contain oil traps?
- Maintaining existing trees
- Fertilizer controls
- Erosion controls

**IWC-2010-01** of Kishan, LLC for a wetlands permit in a regulated area to construct a new retail building at 482 Talcottville Road

Ryan Goad will write a letter to the IWC with the concerns of the Commission.

The concerns were:

- Due to the proximity of the brook the Commission wants to know the use of the building.
- Does the proposed landscape plan have erosion control measures?
- On the South side of the property there is a loading dock – what substance would be loaded or unloaded in that area.
- Will fertilizers and pesticides be used?

D. Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month

None

### **3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT**

#### **A. Conservation booklet – review & comment**

The Commission felt that most of their goals were incorporated in the POCD with the exception of Aquatic Invasives and they also felt there was an inconsistency on steep slopes. Each member was asked to make notes and email Ryan Goad. Ryan will gather the information from the members of the Commission and contact Heidi at Plainmetrics.

#### **B. Potential vernal pools**

The Vernal Pool Study should be revisited by additional surveying of aerial photographs to identify potential vernal pools, to be followed by field verification.

Tom requested this to be an ongoing POCD goal for the Commission.  
The goal will be suggested to Plainmetrics.

### **4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION**

This item did not get on the Town Council's latest agenda.  
The grant application is due May 7, 2010.  
This will be raised as an additional item for the Town Council's agenda.  
If approved the application can be submitted. Ann Letendre will assist with the application.  
The total project cost is \$64,000.00 – the Commission is applying for \$32,000.00.

### **5. AQUATIC INVASIVES**

#### **A. Management plan**

Tom suggested the Commission investigate other towns and states that have used a management plan.

All the gathered information will be used for discussion in future meetings.

#### **B. River walk**

Tom will contact George Knoecklin about training volunteers on the proper identification and procedures for removal of fanwort in the Tankerhoosen River.

### **6. BOLTON LAKES ERT**

Tom will contact Scott Wieting to follow up

**7. SCENIC ROADS**

No action

**8. LONG ISLAND SOUND DRAINAGE STICKERS**

No action

**9. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The Commission is seeking new members.

Ryan Goad suggested this request to be placed on the Community Voice Channel.

The Commission would like to have a more visible presence on the town website.

**10. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION**

No action

**11. OTHER GOALS**

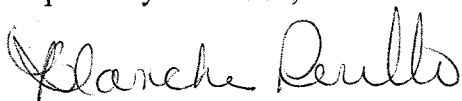
Tom Ouellette reported that Ann Letendre has suggested the Commission do a natural resource inventory on the Clark Farm property on Valley Falls Road. This is a high quality environment.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Tom Ouellette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 P.M.

Motion was seconded by H. Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Blanche Perillo".

Blanche Perillo